

WASHINGTON, DC – House Democratic leadership [announced this morning](#) that while the President has proposed a budget, House Democrats are refusing to take it up or propose one.

Congressman Todd Akin(R-MO), stated:

“Since the 1974 Budget Act was implemented, the House has never failed to pass a budget resolution. Now, after an unprecedented spending spree, the majority is refusing to accept the responsibility of budgeting. But make no mistake; the majority intends to continue to spend borrowed dollars without addressing ballooning entitlement programs, a \$1.5 trillion deficit a \$13 trillion national debt, and the alarming growth of government at the expense of taxpayers.

“This decision sends a clear message to American families that Democrats in Washington still don’t understand the seriousness of our fiscal crisis and they still view working Americans as the [‘cash cow’](#) to fund their excesses.

“In 2006, then Minority Leader Steny Hoyer said that ‘The most basic responsibility of governing’ is ‘enacting a budget.’ Now, as majority leader, he is punting on that very thing. Americans understand the importance of budgeting and they know what happens when they spend more than they earn. It’s time for Washington to take responsibility for its spending.”

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